

REPORT OF 4TH KASTURI TALK

“The most sustainable building is the one that hasn’t been built so far. It is very difficult to do anything which is perennially sustainable because each of the innovations has its own problem” said Arch. Rajiv D’Silva (Director – Studio 15,73) who was addressing a group of citizens, architects and students assembled at MES College of Arts and Commerce, Zuarinagar Goa for the 4th series of Kasturi talk on the topic “ Sustainable Architecture in Six (not so easy) Steps. Kasturi Series is organised in memory of Dr. Kasturi Desai by Nature Club of MES College and MES Society in collaboration with Foundation for Environment Research And Conservation (FERC) on first Wednesday of every month. Arch. Raj Bhandare was Special Invitee for the function.

The programme started with the welcome address by Shri. Parag Rangnekar who explained the objectives of the programme. He also introduced the speaker as well special invitee.

Arch. Shri. Rajiv D’Silva spoke about his Green Building project in Carona, Bardez-Goa. He started off by explaining different aspects of Sustainable Architecture by specifically explaining how Earth, water , energy, material , solid waste and liquid waste are major steps while deciding Sustainable Architecture. Giving the example of the Green building constructed at Carona Bardez-Goa, he explained how he used all the six factors in order to achieve the objectives of Sustainable Architecture. He further said that since 100% sustainability is rather difficult, we need to opt for “ Less Unsustainable Architecture”.

Arch. Raj Bhandare in his speech spoke about the need of responsibility. He stated that the “ Green Architecture” actually means Sustainable Architecture. He cited an example of one of his buildings where he replaced wooden doors with barge plates.

The talk was followed by question and answer session where citizens, students, teachers and architects raised issues pertaining to sustainable architecture which were attended to to by the speaker.

The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Mr. Omkar Dharwadkar , member FERC. Among the dignitaries present for the talk were Shri. M.S. Kamat , Chairman, Murgaon Education Society, Dr. R. B. Patil , Principal MES College and Mrs. Lalita Joshi , Director of Planning and Development , Murgaon Education Society.



Arch. Rajiv D'Silva addressing the gathering



Shri. Raj Bhandare addressing the gathering